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SUBJECT: KING HASSAN'S JUNE 4 SPEECH: POLITICAL ASPECTS

1. THE KING'S JUNE 4 SPEECH, ALTHOUGH ALMOST ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO THE ECONOMY, WAS KEYED TO A NUMBER OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS. HASSAN CHOSE TO PORTRAY MOROCCO'S ECONOMIC STRAITS AS LARGELY DUE TO ITS WILLINGNESS TO PLAY THE ROLE OF A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN OF THE WORLD. THE STRAINS WROUGHT BY THE SAHARA WERE EQUATED IN IMPORTANCE WITH MOROCCO'S ROLE IN THE 1973 MIDDLE EASTERN FIGHTING, ITS PAST AND PRESENT ENDEAVORS IN ZAIRE, AND ITS COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO ASKED FOR AID.

2. ZAIRE. AS LONG AS ZAIRE'S PROBLEMS WERE EXTERNAL AND NOT INTERNAL, MOROCCO WOULD GO BACK AGAIN AND AGAIN IF NECESSARY TO HELP. KING DID NOT EXPAND ON THE GOM'S PRESENT ACTIVITIES IN ZAIRE (SEE RABAT 3277).

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3. MIDDLE EAST: MOROCCO HAD SHED ITS BLOOD DURING THE 1973 WAR. IT CONSIDERED ITSELF A "CONFRONTATION STATE." IT THUS HAD THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT AT ANY GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE ME, AND THE U.S. AND USSR SHOULD PERMIT IT TO PLAY A ROLE BY "NOMINATING" IT TO ATTEND.

4. ABSENCE OF RHETORIC. HASSAN ONLY ALLUDED BRIEFLY TO "FOREIGN IDEOLOGIES" IN ONE REFERENCE TO ZAIRE EVENTS. LIKEWISE ALGERIA WAS ONLY MENTIONED ONCE, AND THEN INDIRECTLY, IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSING SAHARA RELATED STRAINS. HE MADE REFERENCE TO A NEIGHBOR WHICH HAD BROKEN ITS WORD. IN GENERAL, THERE WAS A DISTINCT ABSENCE OF POLEMICS TOWARD FOREIGN FOES IN THE SPEECH.

5. PARLIAMENT'S ROLE. ALTHOUGH THE PARLIAMENT WILL NOW IN EFFECT PROBABLY BE DENIED EXAMINING AN IN-DEPTH PLAN, HASSAN DID SAY THAT THE PARLIAMENT WOULD BE INSTRUMENTAL IN SETTING THE NATION'S NEW ECONOMIC PRIORITIES UNDER THE NEW RESTRICTIONS.

6. COMMENT. HASSAN'S MESSAGE TO HIS PEOPLE SEEMED TO BE THAT AUSTERITY WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF MOROCCO'S DUTIES IN THE WORLD. IT WAS NOT JUST THE SAHARA WHICH WAS PROVOKING THESE ECONOMIC STRAINS (AT NO POINT DID HE EVEN MENTION MAURITANIA). AT LEAST AS IMPORTANT WAS HIS APPARENT MESSAGE TO THE EXTERIOR: MOROCCO HAS SOME REAL PROBLEMS AS A RESULT OF TRYING TO BE A GOOD WORLD CITIZEN AND IT NEEDS HELP AND UNDERSTANDING.  
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